

Follow-Up to County Commission  
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• Commissioner Thael

- Brought forth a request from the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend, Laura Lee facility, for \$200,000. Requested staff look into possibility of using housing funds (sale of single-family home bonds) and bring back an agenda item.

Staff: Public Services/Health and Human Services - Vince Long/Joe Sharp

- Requested a resolution for Mr. Wright, Miccosukee Volunteer Fire Department

Staff: Commission Aide - Martin Green

- Requested staff bring back details on the proposed Target store on the former Bradfordville-Phipps property.

Staff: GEM/Development Services - Gary Johnson/David McDevitt

- Requested staff look into allowing the Riley House to use a portion of the County's parking lot for community green space and bring a report back regarding the discussions.

Staff: Management Services/Facilities Management - Kim Dressel/Tom Brantley

- Requested staff schedule a workshop regarding the staff's report on the euthanasia of animals at the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center and the possibility of a functional consolidation between City and County Animal Control.

Staff: Public Works/Animal Control - Tony Park/Richard Ziegler

• Commissioner Maloy

- Remarked on the Governor's budget - decrease in funds for juvenile justice/issues and that it is the third year of no raises for state employees - and asked the Board to send a letter to the Governor encouraging his support for meaningful pay raises for dedicated state workforce.



- Requested a letter of support be sent to State legislature in support of SB 488 regarding the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ability to levy the maximum millage rate to meet the water management needs of the region.

Staff: Public Services/Intergovernmental Affairs - Vince Long/Ben Pingree



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The Honorable Al Lawson  
The Capitol  
Room 210, Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Lawson:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express support of SB 488 and HB 233. This legislation that you, and fellow Leon County Delegation member Representative Curtis Richardson, have sponsored represents a significant step toward increasing the Northwest Florida Water Management District's (NFWFMD) ability to meet the water management needs of our developing region.

Currently, individual water management districts are each authorized to levy maximum millage rates to meet the water resource challenges in their regions. However, this playing field is markedly uneven. For example, the millage rate cap on NFWFMD is set at the very low level of 0.05 mills. This level is exponentially lower other districts' caps and results in a handicapping of our regional ability to protect our precious water resources. Your proposed legislation would enable the equalization of these millage rate caps and vest our district with the same abilities to meet our growing needs as other districts presently enjoy.

Most significantly, your legislation puts this question before the Florida voters, insuring that their voices are heard and that the final decision on this increasingly critical issue is theirs. It was for these reasons that Governor Bush recently supported your bill and its inherent direction to let the voters decide.

Thank you for your continued support on this and other key legislative issues that affect Leon County. Should you have any questions on this or any other Leon County issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Parwez Alam, County Administrator, at 488-9962.

Respectfully,

Jane Sauls  
Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Governor Jeb Bush  
The Honorable Jim King, President of the Florida State Senate  
The Honorable Johnnie Byrd, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives  
The Honorable Members of the Leon County Legislative Delegation

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